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## IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) An integrated device for oxygenating and filtering blood flowing through an extracorporeal blood circuit comprising:

a bubble trap having an inlet for receiving venous blood and an outlet for supplying venous blood;

a blood pump having an inlet connected to receive blood from the outlet of the blood reservoir and an outlet;

a heat exchanger having a blood inlet connected to receive venous blood from the outlet of the pump and a blood outlet for supplying temperature controlled venous blood;

an oxygenator having an inlet connected to receive venous blood from the outlet of the heat exchanger and an outlet for supplying oxygenated blood;

an arterial blood filter having an inlet connected to receive oxygenated blood from the outlet of the oxygenator and an outlet for supplying filtered oxygenated blood; and

a monolithic housing including a first portion for defining the bubble trap, a second portion for defining the blood pump, a third portion for defining the heat exchanger, a fourth portion for defining the oxygenator and a fifth portion for defining the arterial blood filter.

- 2. (Original) The integrated device of claim 1 wherein the blood pump comprises a centrifugal pump.
- 3. (Original) The integrated device of claim 2 wherein the centrifugal pump has an axis and wherein the centrifugal pump is positioned within the monolithic housing such that the axis of the centrifugal pump is horizontal.

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4. (Currently Amended) A system for establishing an extracorporeal blood circuit comprising:

a bubble trap having an inlet and an outlet;

a blood pump having an inlet and an outlet, the inlet of the pump being connected to the outlet of the bubble trap;

a heat exchanger;

an oxygenator;

an arterial blood filter; and

a housing for incorporating and interconnecting the bubble trap, the blood pump, the heat exchanger, the oxygenator and the arterial blood filter into a monolithic structure, the housing having an inlet for supplying venous blood to the blood reservoir and an outlet for supplying oxygenated blood from the arterial blood filter.

- 5. (Original) The system of claim 4 wherein the blood pump comprises a centrifugal pump.
- 6. (Original) The system of claim 5 wherein the centrifugal pump has an axis and wherein the centrifugal pump is positioned within the housing such that the axis of the centrifugal pump is horizontal.